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SCIENTIFIC NOTES AND NEWS

DR. HENRY FAIRFIELD OSBORN, president of the American Museum of Natural History, was made curator emeritus of the department of vertebrate paleontology at the last meeting of the executive committee.

DR. SAMUEL G. DIXON, professor of hygiene in the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. George Wharton Pepper, professor of law, have been elected trustees of the university.

DR. W. K. RÖNTGEN, professor of physics at Munich, and Dr. Ewald Hering, professor of physiology at Leipzig, have been appointed knights of the Prussian order pour le mérite. Dr. Gustav Retzius, formerly professor of anatomy at Stockholm, has been appointed a foreign knight of this order.

AN international committee has been formed to celebrate the jubilee of Professor Gaston Darboux's connection with university education, the work he has done for mathematics, and his services as permanent secretary of the Paris Academy of Sciences. It is proposed to present Professor Darboux with a medal, reproducing his portrait, together with an address signed by the subscribers.

ON February 8, a portrait of Professor W. Boyd Dawkins, F.R.S., will be publicly presented to the University of Manchester where he has been professor of geology.

PROFESSOR H. LORENTZ, of Leiden, has been elected a foreign member of the Paris Academy of Sciences to succeed Schiaparelli.

THE Chemical Society of France has elected, as we learn from *Nature*, the following foreign honorary members: A. v. Baeyer, Munich; Emil Fischer, Berlin; P. Guye, Geneva; L. Henry, Louvain, Belgium; C. Istrati, Bucharest; A. Lieben, Vienna; Louguinine, St. Petersburg; Raphael Meldola, London; Paternò, Rome; Sir Wm. Ramsay, London, and Ira Remsen, Baltimore. The late Professor S. Cannizzaro had also been nominated by the council, but his death prevented his nomination being confirmed by the general meeting of the society.

THE Adams prize has been awarded by Cambridge University to Professor A. E. H.

Love, F.R.S., formerly fellow of St. John's College and now Sedleian professor of natural philosophy at Oxford, for his essay entitled "Some Problems of Geodynamics."

DR. KARL CHUN, professor of zoology at Leipzig, has been awarded the gold Cothenius medal of the Halle Academy of Sciences.

DEAN H. C. COOLEY, of the University of Nebraska, Mr. Bion J. Arnold, of Chicago, and Dr. J. A. L. Waddell, of Kansas City, have received the degree of doctor of engineering from the University of Nebraska.

DR. CHAS. K. MILLS and Dr. Wm. G. Spiller, of the neurological department of the University of Pennsylvania, have been elected foreign corresponding members of the Société de Neurologie of Paris.

MISS MARY C. DICKERSON has been appointed curator of the department of woods and forestry and assistant curator in herpetology at the American Museum of Natural History.

DR. DAVID J. DAVIS, of the Memorial Institute for Infectious Diseases, of Chicago, has been appointed pathologist to St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago.

DR. FRANK M. SURFACE has resigned his position as associate biologist, at the Maine Experiment Station, in order to accept a position as biologist in the division of animal husbandry, in the Kentucky Agricultural Experiment Station at Lexington.

MR. A. IMACHI, of the Formosa Experiment Station, at Taihoku, spent the week of December 31 to January 9 with the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington. Mr. Imachi is on his way to Yucatan to study the sisal hemp industry.

ACCORDING to Reuter's Agency the British South Africa Company has decided upon the despatch of a special commission to investigate sleeping sickness in Rhodesia. The commission will consist of Dr. Aylmer May, principal medical officer of northern Rhodesia; Dr. A. Kinghorn, of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine; Dr. Leach, of the Northern Rhodesian Medical Service; Mr. O. Sil-

verlock, entomologist, and Mr. Jollyman, bacteriologist.

It is stated in *Nature* that at a recent general meeting of the Liverpool Astronomical Society it was resolved to raise a special fund for the purpose of a memorial to the late Mr. R. C. Johnson, whose long connection with the society, in which he filled the positions of secretary and president, and his services in the interests of astronomical science, suggest that some permanent recognition of his work should be made.

A MEMORIAL in marble to the late Sir John Evans, the anthropologist, has been placed in the parish church of Abbot's Langley, Herts, where he lived for sixty years.

ACCORDING to information received from Timbuctoo the remains of Alexander Gordon Laing, the African traveler, who was murdered in 1826 while exploring the course of the Niger, have been discovered at Saebb, some 50 kilometers north of Timbuctoo. The discovery was made by M. Bonnel de Mézières, who had been commissioned by the governor of the French Upper Senegal and Niger Colony to proceed to Taudeni, some 300 miles north of Timbuctoo, in order to examine the salt mines of the district.

PROFESSOR L. P. KINNICUTT, director of the department of chemistry in the Worcester Polytechnic Institute, well-known for his important contributions to sanitary chemistry and sewage disposal, died on February 6, aged fifty-six years.

DR. EDWARD GAMELIEL JANEWAY, professor of medicine and dean of the University and Bellevue Hospital Medical College, one of the leading physicians of the country, died on February 10, aged sixty-nine years.

DR. WILLIBALD A. NAGEL, professor of physiology at Rostock, has died at the age of forty years.

M. E. A. LÉVEILLÉ, the French entomologist, has died at the age of seventy years.

PROFESSOR EDUARD HAGENBACH-BISCHOFF, formerly professor of physics at Bâle, has died at the age of seventy-eight years.

FOREIGN exchanges announce the deaths of three astronomers: M. Gustav Leveau, known

for his work in celestial mechanics and for more than fifty years an officer of the Paris Observatory; M. Rozé, astronomical lecturer at the École Polytechnique, Paris, and Dr. F. W. Hermann Leppig, astronomer in the Leipzig Observatory.

THE Wabash College Botanical Society will this year send a representative to the Woods Hole Biological Laboratory to occupy a table which they will support.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

DR. and MRS. ROBERT W. LONG, of Indianapolis, have given \$200,000 in real estate to the medical department of Indiana State University.

By the will of Mrs. Emily H. Moir, of New York City, Barnard College received \$10,000. Harvard University, Princeton University, Lincoln University and Howard University receive shares of the residuary estate.

ILLINOIS COLLEGE, at Jacksonville, Ill., received recently \$5,000 from Mr. Edward F. Goltra, of St. Louis. This contribution is towards a new endowment of \$150,000 which the college is raising. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has contributed one half of the amount; friends and alumni have thus far contributed about \$65,000.

PLANS have been proposed to unite the University of Pennsylvania with the Pennsylvania State College and to make the relations between the university and the state more intimate.

THE sum of £25,000 required for the purchase of the site for new chemical laboratories at University College, London, has been completed by a gift of £4,500 from Mr. Ralph C. Forster. The total sum required for the purchase of the site and the erection of the laboratories was £70,000.

DR. C. H. NEILSON, professor of physiological chemistry in St. Louis University School of Medicine has been made professor of medicine and director of the department. The chair in medicine has been put on a salary basis. Dr. Neilson is an A.B. from Ohio Wes-